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SUBJ: THE SECRETARY'S VISIT: FOOD AID FOR INDIA

1. WHILE NOT CITING ANY SPECIFIC FIGURE, THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (TEJA) HAS TOLD US WE MADE A FIRM DECISION ON HOW MUCH FOOD AID WE WILL GIVE INDIA. TEJA SUGGESTED THE USG (AND GOI) ANNOUNCE FOOD AID TO INDIA PRIOR TO THE SECRETARY'S VISIT. THE PURPOSE OF SUCH ACTION WOULD BE TO UNDERLINE THE POLITICAL NATURE OF THE SECRETARY'S VISIT AND TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT FOOD PLAYED NO ROLE IN IT. WE TOLD HIM THIS SEEMED A SENSIBLE PROPOSAL AND WE WOULD FORWARD IT TO WASHINGTON. WE EMPHASIZED THAT DISCUSSIONS OF FOOD AID MUST TAKE PLACE IN WASHINGTON, NOT IN NEW DELHI.

2. COMMENT: WE PASS TEJA'S COMMENTS ON FOR WHAT THEY ARE WORTH.

LEST THERE BE ANY MISUNDERSTANDING, WE THINK THE INDIANS ARE HOPING FOR FOOD AID THAT WOULD ARRIVE IN INDIA NO EARLIER THAN THE FIRST AND SECOND QUARTERS OF 1975.
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